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National Library Week, March 16-22

Mr. Gerald Mullin, President of the Minneapolis Gas Company, has been appointed chairman of the Minnesota Library Week Committee. He is now in the process of forming the complete committee.

In the meantime, every librarian in Minnesota should be making preparations for participating in, and further stimulating local activities in observance of the occasion. The national and state committees will be sources for observance and publicity at national and state levels, but the actual activities at local level are planned and carried out by local Library Week Committees.

This program, with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" is a dramatic citizen's campaign to re-establish reading in the daily life of every American. Focussing on the rewards of reading for fun, knowledge and advancement, and on the services of libraries of all kinds, the drive will culminate in the first National Library Week observance, March 16-22. The preliminaries to this observance will start in February.

"Now, as never before, a united effort to increase reading is needed," said David Berninghausen, President of the Minnesota Library Association, in announcing Mr. Mullin's appointment. "A recent survey shows that over 60% of U. S. adults had not read a single book last year, other than the Bible."

The new Chairman said, "This committee represents the widest community interests. Its activities to encourage reading—in homes, schools, churches, businesses and civic centers—can make our drive here one of the nation's most effective."

Libraries may secure a *Promotion Kit* for \$5.00 from National Library Week, 24 West 40th Street, New York 18. This includes posters, and much helpful material to assist in planning local activities.

